GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Housing Department – A.P.State Housing Corporation Limited - Allegations of Corruption against Sri Golla Rangaswamy, Assistant Engineer (MIC) (now retired), A.P.State Housing Corporation Limited, Kothapalli, Kurnool District - Trapped on 15.10.2018 - Sanction of Prosecution under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (As amended by Act 16 of 2018) - Accorded - Orders - Issued.

HOUSING (VC.A1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 5 Dated: 05-07-2021.

Read :-

From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Letter Rc.No.112/RCT-KUR/2018, Dated:31.05.2021.

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O R D E R :-

Whereas, Sri Golla Rangaswamy, Assistant Engineer (MIC) (now retired), A.P. State Housing Corporation Limited, Kothapalli, Kurnool District had worked at Kothapalli, Kurnool District from 19.03.2013 to 15.10.2018. By virtue of the post held by him, he falls under a category of Public Servant as defined U/s 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2) Whereas, Sri Mola Rajasekhar, R/o Guvvalakuntla Village, Kothapalli Mandal of Kurnool District is an agriculturist. Sri Mola Rajasekhar did not have own house to live, he applied for construction of house under Indiramma Housing Scheme at his house-site in the year, 2006 to the APSHCL Officials and the Officials have permitted to construct the house. Under Indiramma Housing Scheme, the Government would sanction Rs.1,50,000/-. While Sri Mola Rajasekhar started to construct the house in the year 2008, the Government have approved and given Rs.7,171/- only. When he enquired the Andhra Pradesh State Housing Corporation Liminted Officials about the balance installment, they have informed that he is not eligible and he would not get the entire bill amount and disabled his account. Thereafter, Sri Mola Rajasekhar completed the house by taking loan and since then he is moving around Andhra Pradesh State Housing Corporation Liminted Officials for approval of the bill and the bill was not approved. Sri Mola Rajasekhar met the APSHCL Assistant Engineer Sri Golla Rangaswamy several times, and in the month of September, 2018; Sri Golla Rangaswamy has informed that he has prepared the bill for Rs.35,000/-. When Sri Mola Rajasekhar enquired about the bill on 9th of September, 2018; Sri Golla Rangaswamy has demanded bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- for crediting the bill amount into the bank. When Sri Mola Rajasekhar pleaded his inability, Sri Golla Rangaswamy has reduced the bribe amount to Rs.7,000/- for sending the bill to the bank. In case, the demanded bribe amount is not given, Sri Golla Rangaswamy will not forward the bill to the bank. As such, Sri Mola Rajasekhar accepted to pay the demanded bribe amount of Rs.7,000/- on that Sri Golla Rangaswamy informed that he would send the bill to the bank on the same day and the amount will be credited into the account of Sri Mola Rajasekhar and in case, Sri Mola Rajasekhar did not pay the demanded bribe amount, the balance bill will not be approved.

3) Whereas, Sri Mola Rajasekhar unwilling to pay the demanded bribe amount, came to the O/o the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool on 13.10.2018 at 7 PM and gave a complaint against Sri Golla Rangaswamy. Along with the complaint, the Deputy Superintendent of Police also received one memory card from Sri Mola Rajasekhar said to have containing conversation between himself and Sri Golla Rangaswamy which was recorded by him on 13.10.2018 in his mobile phone regarding demand of bribe amount by Sri Golla Rangaswamy. The Deputy Superintendent of Police endorsed the complaint to Sri M.Nagabhushanam, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool to cause enquiries with respect to the genuineness of the complaint and general reputation of Sri Golla Rangaswamy and after due verifications, the complaint of Sri Mola Rajasekhar was registered as a

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case in Cr.No.12/RCT-KUR/2018 U/s 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act on 15.10.2018 at 8.30 AM and the Deputy Superintendent of Police proposed to lay a trap against Sri Golla Rangaswamy.

4) Whereas, Sri Golla Rangaswamy was trapped, when he demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs.7,000/- from Sri Mola Rajasekhar through Smt.Subbalakshamma, Work Inspector at his office. When Sri Mola Rajasekhar went into the Office of Sri Golla Rangaswamy, found him sitting in his office chair and on seeing Sri Golla Rangaswamy confirmed that Sri Mola Rajasekhar brought the bribe amount and thereafter instructed Sri Mola Rajasekhar to hand over the bribe amount to Smt.Subbalakshamma, Work Inspector, sitting besides Sri Golla Rangaswamy. Accordingly, Sri Mola Rajasekhar handed over the tainted currency notes to Smt.Subbalakshamma and she received the same with her right hand, counted with both hands and kept the same in her hand bag and thereafter Sri Mola Rajasekhar requested Sri Golla Rangaswamy to complete his work of payment of his bill, on that Sri Golla Rangaswamy assured to complete his work and takes steps to get sanction of Rs.1,50,000/- under NTR Rural Housing Scheme (now it is renamed as YSR Rural Housing Scheme). When both the hand fingers of Sri Golla Rangaswamy tested in sodium carbonate solution, the solution did not yield any result, on that the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool called Sri Mola Rajasekhar to the office and enquired Sri Mola Rajasekhar who informed that on the instructions of Sri Golla Rangaswamy he handed over the tainted currency notes to Smt. Subbalakshamma who was sitting besides the table of Sri Golla Rangaswamy. Thereafter the hand fingers of Smt.Subbalakshamma were subjected to sodium carbonate solution and both the hand fingers of Smt.Subbalakshamma when rinsed in sodium carbonate solution gave positive result. The tainted currency of Rs.7,000/- was recovered from the hand bag of Smt.Subbalakshamma at her instance. The contact portion of the tainted currency notes with the inner surface of the hand bag when tested with the help of cotton swab in sodium carbonate solution, it gave positive result. The trap party along with Sri Golla Rangaswamy & Smt. Subbalakshamma shifted to the office room of Additional Programme Officer, Computer Centre of the O/o MGNREGS, Kothapalli situated opposite to Kothapalli APSHCL Office for preparing the proceedings as there is no power supply in the APSHCL Office. The field book of the O/o the APSHCL, Kothapalli was produced by Sri Golla Rangaswamy from his iron almirah situated on the southern side of his seat with the keys available with him. Sri A.L.Prabhakar, Deputy Executive Engineer, APSHCL, Nandikotkur handed over the file pertaining to the sanction of the house under Indiramma Scheme to Sri Mola Rajasekhar i.e., Beneficiary individual payment particulars file – 3 sheets.

5) Whereas, the Hon'ble Special Court vide orders in Crl.M.P.No.31/2019 dt.07.02.2019 allowed the petition filed by the Inspector of Police represented by the State under Section 306 Cr.PC to tender pardon to Smt.Subbalakshamma, according pardon to her on condition of her making a full and true disclosure of the whole of the circumstances within her knowledge relating to the offence and to every other person concerned whether as principal or abettor, in the commission thereof and permitting Anti-Corruption Bureau to take her as approver in this case.

6) And whereas, the said acts of Sri Golla Rangaswamy, Assistant Engineer (MIC) (now retired), A.P.State Housing Corporation Limited, Kothapalli, Kurnool District, constitute the offences punishable under Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (As amended by Act 16 of 2018).

7) And whereas. the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Golla Rangaswamy from his office, after fully and carefully examining the material placed before them i.e., copy of FIR, Mediator Report I & II and Final Investigation Report in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that Sri Golla Rangaswamy should be prosecuted in the court of Law.

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8) Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Clause (b) of Sub section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 (Central Act 16 of 2018); the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Sri Golla Rangaswamy, Assistant Engineer (MIC) (now retired), A.P.State Housing Corporation Limited, Kothapalli, Kurnool District, for the aforesaid offences publishable under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (As amended by Act 16 of 2018) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time-being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the offence by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

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The Managing Director, A.P.State Housing Corporation Limited, Autonagar, Vijayawada.

The P.S to Minister (Housing).

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